

GOALS:	Chapter 8 OBJECTIVES:	Chapter 9 ACTIONS:	SCHEDULE	PRIORITY
Protect and acquire land in Beverly of high natural, scenic, recreational and environmental value.	Ensure that any proposed development is consistent with the Open Space Plan and the Master Plan.	Planning Department will coordinate the activities and provide pertinent information to the Plannng Board (PB), Conservation Commission (ConCom), Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and the Design Review Board (DRB) with the Open Space and Recreation Committee (OSRC).	Ongoing	
		OSRC will receive agendas from the PB, ConCom and ZBA and comment when appropriate.	Ongoing	
	Integrate open space planning into the city's planning and budgeting process.	Develop financial plan to fund open space acquisition. This could include promoting the passage of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in Beverly.		
	Acquire private lands with high natural and environmental values including, but not limited to: <div>(1) wildlife habitats, which incldues such as lands supporting exemplary, rare, or uncommon natural communities and land supporting species of conservation concern</div> <div>(2) areas with high potential for passive outdoor recreation,</div> <div>(3) lands in the Wenham Lake watershed, and</div> <div>(4) lands that provide scenic vistas.</div>	Maintain a list of priority parcels for open space acquisition within the City and develop plans to acquire land rights to these parcels.	Review yearly	
		Maintain a list of priority parcels for conservation restrictions within the City and develop plans to implement these.	Review yearly	
		Review and upgrade the watershed protection district.	Every five years starting in 2007.	
		Work with the Planning Department to identify and write grants that fund open space acquisition.	Ongoing	
		Develop and enhance partnerships with ECGB, MAS, TTOR and BCLT for land acquisition and for promotion of conservation restrictions.	Ongoing	
		OSRC shall collaborate with appropriate non-profit groups to hold forums for landowners on conservation giving.	Every five years starting in fall 2007.	
	Ensure that all City-owned properties with high passive recreational value, potential future active recreational value and environmental value are protected from future development.	Promote the use of Conservation Restrictions (CRs) for all ConCom land and other City lands of conservation interest, including Parks and Recreation Commission lands.	Review yearly	
	Ensure adequate resources for maintenance and management of Beverly's open space land.	Coordinate with the Department of Public Works (DPW) to ensure maintenance of trails and signage at city parks.	Review yearly	

Increase and enhance the public's opportunities to enjoy open space in Beverly.	Ensure adequate resources for maintenance and management of Beverly's open space land.	Coordinate with the City's GIS Manager to review and update maps of open spaces and historic sites.	Review yearly	
	Increase public access to the waterfront.	Coordinate with the Planning Department to identify and seek funds to acquire parcels and easements along waterfront locations.	Ongoing	
		Continue to work with local and state officials to implement a Sea Path, or waterfront access walkway.	Ongoing	
		Coordinate with the Planning Department to provide comments on development and redevelopment proposals for parcels that provide potential public access to the water (e.g., through Chapter 91 licenses).	Ongoing	
	Create a trail network throughout the City.	Work with City departments, non-profit groups and the School Department to purchase the land and easements identified on the Open Space and Recreation Map so as to create a comprehensive open space network and adequate playing fields in the City.	Ongoing	
		Develop a uniform trail system for existing and proposed open space areas within the community.		
		Identify and coordinate with the DPW to install signage at all existing public rights-of-way that lead to parks and other public open spaces.	Review yearly	
		Publicize the existence of rights of way in appropriate forums, such as meetings, newspaper articles and websites.	Ongoing	
		Coordinate with the GIS Manager to maintain and update the Beverly Trails map.	Review every two years.	
	Increase the number of playing fields within the community.	Coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Department and Commission to identify and develop a list of parcels that would be appropriate for active recreation.	Review yearly	

		Coordinate with the Planning Department to identify and seek funds to acquire parcels to be used specifically for active recreation.	Ongoing	
	Increase awareness and promote use of open space and recreational opportunities within the community.	Develop a public education campaign, which will promote the importance of preserving parcels for conservation and resource protection purposes.	Review yearly	
		Coordinate with City departments and the School Department to sponsor activities and educational programs for clean up and recycling programs on public lands.	Review yearly	
	Increase awareness and promote use of conservation areas and the waterfront for passive recreation (hiking, walking, birding, nature study, etc.)			
		Work with the City's ADA Coordinator to create handicap accessible trails.		
		Create a citywide educational flyer on trail and waterfront access protection for all citizens to enjoy.	Create flyer in 2007 and update every 5 years	
		Coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Commission to develop water related recreational amenities on publicly owned land.	Review yearly	
		Coordinate with the DPW to improve maintenance of existing recreational facilities to continue full use of the public lands.	Review yearly	
Promote public education on environmental issues.	Increase environmental awareness within the community.	Create an OSRC webpage	Update regularly	
		Increase utilization of local public media outlets (newspapers, BevCam, websites, etc.)	Ongoing	
		Continue to sponsor and organize the Earth Day Walks program.	Review yearly	
		Develop an educational program in conjunction with the schools.	Review yearly	
		OSRC shall collaborate with appropriate non-profit groups to hold forums for landowners on conservation giving.	Every 5 years starting in fall 2007	
		Continue to sponsor the successful park and open space clean-up days.	Ongoing	
	Increase and enhance recreational opportunities for Beverly residents.	Conduct regularly scheduled trail walks.	Continue established program	